Mr. Paul Mampilli.—May I know why provision has not been made.

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—For want of funds.

Mr. Paul Mampilli.—May I know whether the site was approved after inspection by the Diwan Peishkar, the Chief Engineer and the Superintendent of Agriculture ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—Yes.

Mr. Paul Mampilli.—Will the work be carried out next year ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—It is not provided in next year's budget. But we shall see whether it is possible to do the work by transfer of allotments.

Lane—Irinjalakkuda.

212. Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether the Public Works Department maintains or the Panchayat maintains the lane that leads to the Veterinary Hospital, Irinjalakkuda;

(b) is it not a fact that owing to the unsatisfactory state of this lane especially during the rainy season, people find it very inconvenient to go to this hospital;

(c) will the Government be pleased to state whether there is at present any culvert or bridge where the Kakkathuruthi road meets the lane that leads to this hospital ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—(a) The lane has not been brought under Panchayat or Public Works Department maintenance ; but the question of improving the lane is being considered by the Panchayat.

(b) Yes.

(c) There is no culvert or bridge at the place referred to.

Road—Erumapetty—Velur.

213. Mr. P. Krishna Menon.—Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(1) whether they have received a petition from the inhabitants of Thayyur and its neighbourhood, dated 20th Mithunam 1106, requesting for a connecting road between Erumapetti and Velur road in the Talappilli Taluk ;

(2) for how long have those people been petitioning the Government for such a connecting road ;

(3) did not the Chief Engineer inspect the locality in question in the year 1105 and affirm the desirability of constructing such a road ;

(4) have any steps been taken since to open the road, and if taken, what are they ; if not taken, why are no steps taken ?

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Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—(1) Yes.

(2) For the last three years.

(3) Yes.

(4) Government have ordered that the road work should be attended to by the Public Works Department. But for want of funds it has not been possible to execute the work up to the present.

Mr. P. Krishna Menon.—Seeing the answer to sub-division (3), may I know what prevented the department from taking at least the preliminary steps such as surveying, aligning etc ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—Sir, there are many urgent works which have been reported to be necessary and it would not be possible for this department to conduct surveys and prepare estimates for works which are not budgetted for a certain year. If the work is budgetted, then it would be useful for us to prepare the estimates. For non-budgetted items it would be waste of time for us to prepare estimates for this year or even for next year. If the Government has ordered that the work will be provided for in the budget of a certain year, then we could go and prepare the estimates. Otherwise it will seriously affect our works. Items which cannot be included in the budget have no possibility of being carried out.

Mr. P. Krishna Menon.—Am I to understand from that explanation that allotments are made before they are ready to take up the works?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—If it has been definitely ordered that the work will be provided for, then we can prepare the estimates. If such definite order is not given, it is not possible to prepare the estimates.

Mr. P. Krishna Menon.—So unless the Government orders that the work should be taken up in a particular year the department will not attend to it?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—It does not seem to be necessary to attend to the work, if no definite statement or order is given that a certain work should be taken at a certain time.

Mr. P. Krishna Menon.—It is not estimate that I ask. Could not the preliminary works, such as surveying, alignment, etc., be undertaken?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—Alignment has been fixed. Surveying is the most difficult course. It will be done in a few years. That is the most important part of the work and it will take some time

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Mr. P. Krishna Menon.—At least seeing the desirability and importance of the thing, will the Government be pleased to take the preliminary steps next year?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—Remarks of the Hon'ble Member will be noted.

Admission—Maharaja's College.

214. Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Will the Government be pleased to inform the House :—

(a) whether there was any order from the University of Madras restricting the number of admissions into the College classes of the Maharaja's College, Ernakulam, this year ;

(b) what was the number allowed by the University ;

(c) had admissions to be refused because of this restriction ; if so, how many ;

(d) what is the present strength of the College classes ;

(e) of the students now in College, how many are bonafide Cochinites ;

(f) on what principle, if any, were the admissions made ;

(g) does the Government know the reason why the University ordered this restriction ;

(h) is the restriction still in force ?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—(a) Yes.

(b) 450.

(c) Yes. 310.

(d) 557.

(e) 443.

(f) Convenience of the people, efficiency of the institution and certain rulings of Government.

(g) Due apparently to lack of accommodation.

(h) Yes.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Why was in the face of this restriction, i.e. restricting the number to 450, a number of 557 students admitted, after refusing admission to 310? Why did the Government go against the direction of the University?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Because of the inconvenience it caused to our students.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Did not they refuse admission to 310?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—This number of 310 did not come in an hour or two. Government thought that they would restict admissions to the correct number. But it was not possible. So more admissions were made.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Was this excess number of students admitted after any correspondence or interview with the University authorities?

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